

## 2010-2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our Board of Education has approved lessons to be taught on HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) as part of our health curriculum. All public schools are required to teach about HIV and AIDS under Michigan Law.

The Michigan Department of Education and Community Health have recommended lessons for students at each grade. These lessons help young people understand these diseases and how to prevent its spread.

### The lessons in seventh grade teach student:

- Facts about HIV
- How HIV is and is not transmitted
- How to evaluate the health risk involved with different behaviors
- The advantages of waiting to have sexual intercourse
- To apply the skills needed to avoid and escape situations that place them at risk for becoming infected with HIV.
- The Importance of planning ways to stay safe, healthy and free of HIV.
- How to apply what they have learned in order to become positive peer role models.
- How to locate resources and get help, if needed.

Your student may be asked to share what he or she is learning about HIV and AIDS with you and to ask you if he or she has further questions.

You are welcome to preview the lessons and materials that will be used by contacting the principal, Mr. Dale Dunham at (662-4489) or myself. If you choose to remove your child from instructions, please indicate on the form below. ***Only return the form if you are removing your child from instruction.*** Student who will not be instructed in these specific lessons will be given an alternative assignment.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bascom,  
Health Teacher  
Exploratory Teacher  
Conflict Resolution

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I have received the letter regarding HIV and AIDS instruction and DO NOT want my child to participate in these lessons during the assigned exploratory arts instruction time.

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Student Name

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Parent Signature